



# Hyphens for Clarity

Use a hyphen to make your writing more clear, especially when combining two words into a single thought.

**DIRECTIONS:** Choose the sentence in each pair that is correct.

1. Yesterday, my father resigned from his job.  
Yesterday, my father re-signed from his job.
2. Ellen had to re-sign the form after she spilled coffee on it.  
Ellen had to resign the form after she spilled coffee on it.
3. I really enjoyed our off site meeting yesterday.  
I really enjoyed our off-site meeting yesterday.
4. George is well-known for his crazy ideas.  
George's crazy ideas are well-known.
5. I have to do this for my own sense of well being.  
I have to do this for my own sense of well-being.
6. That store got in trouble for price-fixing.  
That store got in trouble for price fixing.
7. It's no good looking there. I already checked.  
It's no good-looking there. I already checked.
8. Ryan is a good-looking kid.  
Ryan is a good looking kid.